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For: TORQUE CONVERTER :

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the attached references to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of this application. Thus, ***no fee is believed to be due for this Information Disclosure Statement.*** However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1836. A duplicate of this Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication JP2000-74174 discloses in Figure 1 thereof a torque converter 1 having an impeller 18, a turbine 19, and a stator 20 that constitute a torus 6. The torus 6 has a flatness L/H of 0.7 or less, where L is the shaft dimension and H is the radius. An English language translation of the Abstract is provided herewith.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication JP4-254043 discloses a torque converter. JP4-254043 is equivalent to U.S. Patent 5,241,820, a copy of which is provided as a translation.

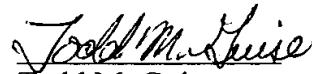
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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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